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MEMORANDUM FOR : Office of General Counsel

ATTENTION : Mr. John Warner

SUBJECT : H. R. 4845

1. The Clandestine Services agrees with the policy objective underlying H. R. 4845 to obtain more efficient use of ADP equipment in the Federal Government. We have serious reservations, however, concerning the possible impact of this legislation on security and operational effectiveness in the procurement and use of our equipment.

2. Some points raised in the letter from the Secretary of Defense to the Chairman, Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, dated 18 March 1965, incorporated herein by reference, are particularly germane:

A central office empowered with authority to make decisions on procurement and use of ADP equipment "would delete the responsibility of Agency heads for the management of their organizations and automated systems" - a course opposed by the Bureau of the Budget (Para. 4.).

Use of a revolving fund for equipment pools and time-sharing arrangements should be permissive (Para. 5-7).

"Design or selection, production, testing, and updating of ADP equipment and the urgency and sensitive classified nature of the data to which the ADP applications (intelligence) are made require that the most rigid security measures and time schedules be applied" (Para. 13).

3. Automatic data processing equipment, general purpose and specialized, is used by the Clandestine Services for a wide range of highly classified and sensitive applications. Justification of our requirements for equipment procurement, utilization, and operation to GSA would contravene the principle of compartmentation and undermine the Director's authority to protect intelligence methods and sources. Furthermore, equipment procurement in the CS is responsive to the dynamics of a developmental environment in which equipment

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scheduling is phased closely with program planning, training, space, and a number of other interrelated factors. Changes in equipment configuration, and contracting for personal services, must also be responsive to new requirements imposed by fast moving international or operational situations. The delays involved in seeking GSA approvals would be intolerable from the standpoint of operational efficiency.

4. It is recommended that the Agency be exempted from the provisions of this legislation. We will be glad to meet with you and other interested components at any time for further discussion of this subject. 25X1



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